REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-9, 11, 13, 14, 16-18, 20, 21, 23, 24 and 26-45 are pending in this application. The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of allowability of all the pending claims.

Applicant has thoroughly reviewed the Office Action and the references cited therein. The following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action.

The Examiner stated that the pending claims are provisionally rejected under the judicially created, non-statutory doctrine of double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 3-9, 11-57, 59, 61, 63, 65, and 67-99 of copending Application No. 09/391,285.

Therefore, without prejudice or any admissions, the Applicant files a terminal disclaimer as suggested by the Examiner in order to assist the Examiner and expedite prosecution. The terminal disclaimer is filed under the condition that all claims are allowed to issue.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If it is believed that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney to expedite the prosecution of the application.

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In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2036 with reference to Attorney Docket No. 58566.1520.

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